



State of Delaware
Department of State
Delaware's Constitutional Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

- High school seniors attending a school in the State of Delaware (public school, charter school, private school, or home school)
- High school seniors planning to attend a Delaware-sponsored institution of higher learning (the University of Delaware, Delaware State University, or Delaware Technical and Community College)
- High school seniors interested in pursuing a career in public administration, or advancing their education in the study of American history, civics, political science, economics, or a related field of study

Competition Specifications:

High school seniors are asked to do as follows:

- Complete and submit a registration form ([MSWord](#) / [PDF](#)).
- E-mail registration forms and essays to jenna.hickman@state.de.us or mail to Delaware State Museums, 102 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901 Attn.: Jenna Hickman.

Upon receipt of a registration form, students will be mailed a complimentary copy of the Center for Civic Education's high school textbook entitled, We the People: Citizens and the Constitution. Publication will be mailed to the student's specified mailing address.

Essay Contest Rules and Details

- Write in English an original 500 – 1,500 word essay defending your position on a constitution-based question.
- Type and double-space the essay.
- Make certain essay is factually accurate and that all research/reference material is documented properly.

Essay Contest Rules and Details (Cont.)

- Prepare a plain cover page including name of student, name of school, address of school, and a word count (excluding annotated bibliography, footnotes, and cover page). The regional category will be determined by address of school (City of Wilmington, New Castle County, Kent County, Sussex County).
- Attach an annotated bibliography.
- Make certain that student essays are postmarked and/or received by Delaware State Museums no later than **Monday, February 14, 2005**. Regional scholarships will be announced by **Friday, March 11, 2005**.

*Each regional finalist selected to receive a \$3,000 scholarship must compete for the top scholarship award of \$5,000 on **Saturday, March 19, 2005**. This level of competition will enable students to summarize their response to the constitution based question in a three-minute verbal presentation followed by a five-minute question and answer session led by a panel of judges selected by the Department of State. The oral presentation session for regional finalists will take place at the State House Museum, 25 The Green in Dover, Delaware. Time will be announced. The top competition winner will be eligible for a scholarship totaling \$8,000. Payment of scholarship is subject to the student's compliance with eligibility requirements. The date, time, and location for the presentation of scholarships will be announced.*

Evaluation Criteria

Regional Level Competition:

- . Writing skills
- . Depth of understanding of the Constitution represented by the student's interpretation supported by historic evidence, a Supreme Court case, and/or current day events
- . Factual accuracy

Statewide Level Competition:

- . All regional level competition requirements
- . Oral communication skills

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